

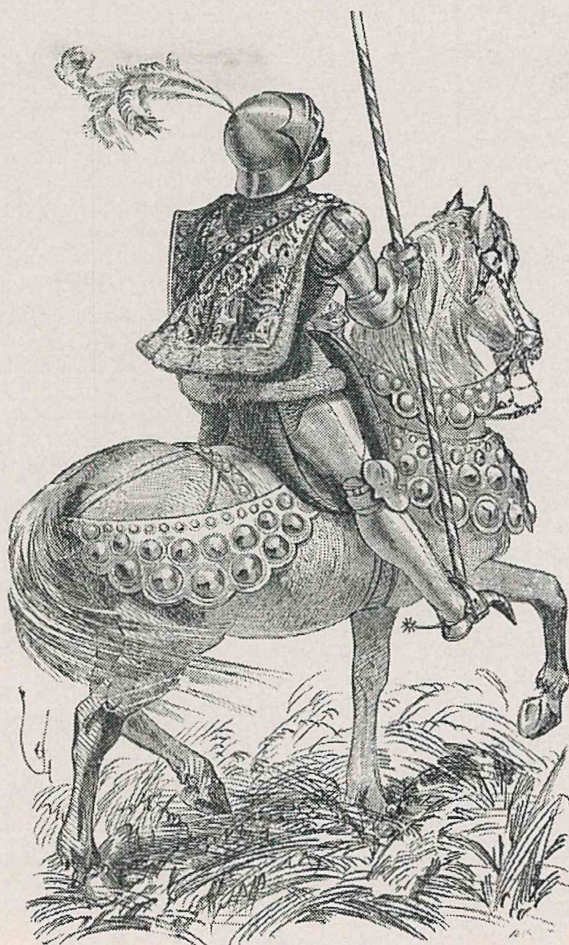


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Calendar of Events

JANUARY

17-18	TWELFTH NIGHT & BARONIAL INVESTITURE <i>Citadel of the Southern Pass</i>
24	WINTER WOLF <i>Blaiddwyn</i>
31	SOUTHERN WAR PRACTICE <i>St. Goliath</i>
31	CANDLEMAS <i>Dragonspine</i>

FEBRUARY

11-16	ESTRELLA WAR
28	AL-BARRAN SCIENCE FAIR

MARCH

20	A&S PAST TIMES <i>Scorpions Hollow</i>
27	HERALDS & SCRIBES SYMPOSIUM

APRIL

3	SWORDED AFFAIRE
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** Indicates attendance by Their Excellencies

From the Baron and Baroness

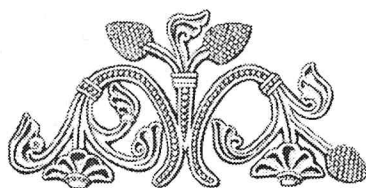
Unto the noble populace of al-Barran do Sir Trevor and the Honorable Lady Fermina, Baron and Baroness, send greetings.

Midwinter was nothing less than miraculous! The hall was absolutely beautiful as well as all those good gentles in attendance. Their Royal Majesties were very generous in the recognizing many members of the populace with well deserved awards. Our heart-felt gratitude to the Honorable Lady Sabia for a job well done! The feast was delicious and spectacular. As we dined at the high table, her Majesty of Atenveldt remarked that it was the best feast she has had in years! Huzzah, huzzah, huzzah to Lord Vladimir and his staff. The musicians really made the hall ring out with revelry. Thank you all!

Fighter practice has been shaping up nicely. We are honored to be part of such a devastating killing machine, the kind that strikes fear in the eyes of the enemy. As we prepare for WAR, We remind all you valiant warriors the deadline for Guido and Cordon Scorpion petitions is drawing close. We ask to have your petitions by Feb 1st, so Fermina will know how many to make.

We hope to see you at War Practice in the Citadel, Blaiddwyn's Winter Wolf, and at Southern War Practice in St. Golias later this month.

Sir Trevor



Fermina



From the Arts & Sciences Minister

Hello Everyone,

I know that writing down everything that you've done in the last couple of months can be a pain but I know there are more than 3 people in this barony that have been active in the arts lately. Here is mine as an example of what I need. Lady A'isha bint Asad ud Din: 3 jams for largess and gifts, 2 card woven trims, 1 inkle woven trim, 1 men's doublet, 1 pair of men's knee britches, 1 teddy bear for T4T competition and prize, helped several people with Midwinter outfits, refinished kitchen cabinets. There that's not so hard and it takes a few minutes, so please email me or write it down and give it to me at the fighter practice park a_isha30@hotmail.com. Here is my last plea for this quarter, come on take a few moments and make me look good to my superiors.

I was very proud of everyone at Midwinter. Everyone looked fantastic the food was incredible and the music and dancing was fabulous but now it is time to look at WAR! Remember the categories are bookbinding, crowns and coronets, and Middle Eastern single garment. I will be collecting entries until the February 8th at the fighter practice park. I need copies of your membership card if I'm going to take things for you. There will be 2 populace viewings this year and I want to encourage everyone to go to one of them and see the entries.

Coming up in Arts:

Armor workshops with Master Tore

Thursdays from 6pm until 9:00 call Tore at 281-5694 for details.

Gammer Gurton's Needle Monday evenings 239-3196

Winter Wolf Jan 24th Blaiddwyn

Tons of classes

Estrella War February 11th-16th

Saturday 14th Registration 8:00am-10:45am

Populace viewing 9:45am-10:45am

Judging 11:00am-5:00pm

Populace viewing 5:00pm-5:30pm

Pick up entries 5:30pm-6:00pm

al-Barran Science Fair February 28th

Project display competition

Classes

West Side Project schedule

No new schedule

Sewing Circle Schedule THL Ash 764-8131

No new schedule

Singing with Lord Tancred 203-0277

Tuesday nights at Tancred's place
starting at 6:30 pm till whenever.

Lady A'isha



From the Chronicler

Greetings al-Barran-ians and Blaiddwyn-ians,

Once again it is that time of year and work will be started in putting out the new al-Barran phone directory for early 2004. For past directories I have tried as much as possible to send out personal emails about making changes to listings of individuals. I regret to say that is not possible this time around to do so. I am hoping that most will read this missive on one of the e-mail lists or in the Baronial Shaft and let me know if there are any changes that need to be made to their listings.

One way to do this is to find the January 2003 Directory in your house and check your listing and then call or email me with the changes. The 2nd way to check your phone listing is to look for me on Sundays at Bataan Park. To that end I will try and be at Bataan Park (fighter practice) on most Sundays with a paper copy of the phone directory in January and the 1st and 2nd Sundays in February barring really cold weather; I would prefer to keep my baby boy and daughter out of the really cold weather. If I am not at the park on a Sunday please check with Chinua al-Naran for the paper copy, as I will send it with him. Chinua will probably just have it on or near his car. The 3rd way is to look for me at some of the upcoming events; I am hoping to attend Winter Wolf at Blaiddwyn and Southern War Practice at St. Goliass, so people may check their listings while attending these events also. Hopefully the directory will be printed before the al-Barran Science Fair, but that would also be another great place to look for me. Not enough ways to find me, hmmm there's by phone or email, and last but not least checking your listing by coming to the citizen's meeting on the Third Tuesday in January held at Haynes Middle School.

I know this is not the most ideal way to check your phone listings but please bear with me on this and hopefully for the next phone directory we will be back to individual emails. Please pass around the information that the phone directory is being worked on to those not receiving the Baronial Shaft and not on the email lists so they may contact me about checking their listings.

I am also looking for a deputy chronicler, if you are interested helping to work on the newsletter and phone directory, want to help out in a officer position or just want to be the next chronicler of al-Barran, please contact me by the email or phone listed in the officers section on page 2.

Thank you,
Lady Kathws

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Outlands' website: <http://www.outlands.org>

Blaiddwyn's website: <http://www.unm.edu/~sca/index.html>

SCA's website: <http://www.sca.org>

From the Hospitaller

Greetings,

I hope that everyone had a great Midwinter. To those people that have borrowed loaner garb please contact Lady Diana to return it. The Lord of the Rings Demo went well. I want to thank everyone that showed up and participated. It was a wonderful time for all attending.

Yours in Service

Lady Isabella

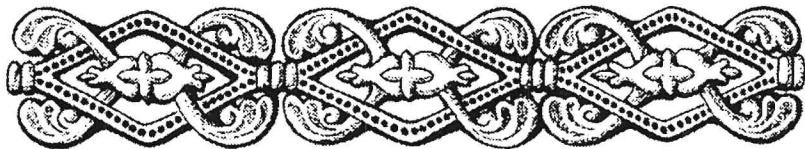
Midwinter Thank You

Greetings,

I just wished to take a quick moment to thank everyone for their attendance at Midwinter, it was great to see so many people there. I would also like to mention the people who made the event possible by giving of their time and talents. Lord Vladimir was an awesome feast coordinator and his cohorts, especially, Lord Wilhelm and Michael who helped provide the wonderful feast. Lay Gytha and Mistress Monica and their assistants awed us all by presenting desserts that were delicious and works of art. Much gratitude to Master Tomas who enriched the event with his artistic talent by creating a French Hall and to Haven Avare for putting it all together. Uasal Oengus kept the Yule log burning and Master Balthazar graciously assumed the position of head server with little warning and assured that all were well served, and his servers were all fantastic. Members of the College of Blaiddwyn were of great help, including my deputy Lord Gauvain, as were members of Crimson and House Phoenix. Shobin and Morgan, Aethelwulf and about a half-dozen other gentles made certain that the hall was put to rights at the end of the evening. Lady Barbara, Lord Y, and Lady Melody brought us dance to the music of Scorpion Scales and Monica Archuleta coordinated entertainers who performed wonderfully. Lady Skia ran gate with her assistants and THL Gwendolyn provided site tokens. Two of the youngest workers Eric and Rainele were drafted into the kitchen and worked all day and into the night, and their willingness to help was unflagging. Lady Ahzlinn made many an attendee at war practice happy by providing hot food and drink. Much thanks to all the good gentles that assisted in any way, without the hard work of the populace we could not have events like this. Thank you to one and all and please forgive me if I failed to mention you by name.

In Service,

al-sayida al Sifwah al Basimah al Zargah al Sabih e / k / a Sabia



From the al-Barran War Coordinator

Greetings unto the great Barony of al-Barran!

WAR! Allow me to repeat – WAR!!

I call for all good gentles of al-Barran. Warriors, artists, cooks, dancers, healers – ALL of the good folk of al-Barran. The greatest wars are when al-Barran goes in force and shows all aspects of what a great Barony is; on and off of the field.

Here is what is planned to date. Fighting for three days starting on Friday. I wish to know how many fighters (light and heavy) will be ready and on the field when the call is made Friday morning. Healers and water bearers – no army moves without you. I also need to know how many healers and water bearers we have for the call.

Saturday holds more. Arts and science, fighting, and much more. Are you ready? Saturday night is our famous stews; one spicy and one not. There will also be a celebration on Saturday night with competitions for folks of different ages. Prizes for the winners, of course. It is a highly guarded secret but the grand prize for Saturday is spectacular.

How about breakfast? Yes, breakfast burritos for the army and the volunteers of al-Barran. Other fine nibbles for those that wish.

To make this war better requires coordination. Here is what I need to know from you.

Are you fighting? Heavy ____ Light ____
Marshalling (even for one fight)? Heavy ____ Light ____
Water Bearing? ____ Healer (must have pre-qualified)? ____
For any of the questions listed above, which days?
Fri ____ Sat ____ Sun ____

Server for morning breakfast? Fri ____ Sat ____ Sun ____
Server for stew and Saturday night celebration? ____

My thanks to those that go, that have fun, and that volunteer. Nothing would happen without the volunteers. Not sure if you want to volunteer? Talk with me in private and I will share some stories with you. Not all of the tales are from fighting.

Please send me your information via email (sirdenniswright@comcast.com) or by hand (I should be at the park on Sundays).

Yours in service,

Sir Dennis the Wright



Camping Tips

Drink plenty of water, we live in a high desert area and often don't realize how dehydrated we are getting, until too late.

If you are the type of person who once they get going at an event does not stop until they fall on their faces, due to forgetting to eat; start carrying granola bars, jerky or trail mix with you so you don't knock your body for a loop.

Take extra socks, warm garb for evenings, and blankets; the weather varies at Estrella and it has gotten as cold as 20 degrees at night at past Estrella Wars, I have been to.

One thing I have always found to help me stay warmer is to place a thick blanket between the ground and the air mattress, and of course using that old stand-by, a cap on my head to keep from loosing body heat that way.

Dressing in layers helps with staying warm in the mornings, and of course as you get warm, you can then remove a few layers. And in the evenings you go back through the layers to stay warm.

Don't seal your tent up completely when using a propane heater—better yet use it to warm your tent up and turn it off immediately upon getting in your tent for sleep.

If you have just got that wonderful brand new tent or pavilion and this is to be its first camping event, save yourself some frustration at War and do a dry run setup before War.

Don't forget your sunscreen, nothing makes a wonderful event more miserable than a major case of sunburn, and remember for use this is still winter, so we are going from conditions of being

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Regular Activities listings More information on the regular activities is located on pages 16, 18 & 19. Also check the A&S letter on page 6 for the others.		
4 -Fighter & Rapier Practice -Court Dancing	5 Gammer Gurton's Needle	Project
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18 -Fighter & Rapier Practice -Court Dancing	19 Gammer Gurton's Needle	Project C I
25 -Fighter & Rapier Practice -Court Dancing	26 Gammer Gurton's Needle	Project

January Dates

January 1st -Happy New Year

January 6 -Epiphany

January 7 -Full Moon

January 22 -Happy Chinese New Year

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 <i>Happy New Year!</i>	2	3 Archery & Equestrian Practices
6 Blaiddwyn at Conclave Singing at Tancred's	7 Blaiddwyn Fighter Practice	8 -Equestrian Practice		9	10
13 Blaiddwyn at Conclave Singing at Tancred's	14 Blaiddwyn Fighter Practice	15		16	17 Archery & Equestrian Practices
20 Blaiddwyn at Conclave CITIZEN'S MEETING	21 Blaiddwyn Fighter Practice	22		23	24 <i>Winter Wolf Collegium</i>
27 Blaiddwyn at Conclave Singing at Tancred's	28 Blaiddwyn Fighter Practice	29		30	31 <i>Southern War! Practice St Golia's</i>

Her I was and Her I Drank

*Her I was and her I drank.
Far wyll dam and mykyll thank!
Her I was and had gud cher,
And her I drank wyll gud ber.*

*Only eleven
days 'til Estrella
War starts!*

(Camping Tips continued from page 10)

inside a lot to suddenly being outside most of the time, our skins are not going to be used to that much sun that fast. WEAR a hat, and remember the aloe vera gel, in case you get that sunburn—or somebody else does.

Remember to take your prescription medications, OTC allergy medications, and headache reliever of your choice. Who wants to leave the war to go get those things if you don't have to?

Handi wipes are very useful for a quick wash up, until you can get to the real one. Even just to get that layer of dust off.

The following is a list of fruit and vegetables high in potassium; gleaned from the Al-Barran List emails on Heat Exhaustion in April 2001.

The component of Bananas that help with heat exhaustion is the potassium. Potassium is lost through sweat and exertion. Foods high in potassium include dried peach halves, lima beans, winter squash, dried pear halves, potato with skin, pinto beans, spinach, cantaloupe, kidney beans, Bok choy, prunes, split peas, butternut squash, black-eyed peas, watermelon, asparagus, beets, tomatoes, orange juice, apricot halves and dried apricot halves. Several of these foods can obviously be snacks and others can be combined into meals, but it doesn't matter how you get the lost potassium back.

Another item high in all the minerals we tend to loose at events is Emergen "Cees", available at Wild Oats. Two packets in a bottle of water contain 1000 mgs of potassium as well as a trove of vitamins and minerals.

Summer Camping Check List

Food and Such

Ice	Ice chest
Coffee pot	Teapot
Aluminum foil	Charcoal
Starter fluid	Potholders
Cleaning supplies	Lighter/matches
Food	Drinks
Camp stove	Brazier/hibachi
Dishes	Silverware
Seasonings	Cooking utensils

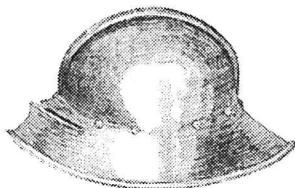
Camping Accessories, etc.

Tent	Sunshade
Blankets	Sleeping bags
Mattress/foam pad	Sewing kit
Toothbrush	Toothpaste
Shovel	Rake
Dust Pan	Chairs
Garbage bags	Hammer/mallet
Pillows	Period covers
Rugs	Medications
Spirits	Duct tape
Towels	Washcloths
Broom	Lanterns
Table	Rope
Sharp Utility knife	Comb/brush
Butane/propane	Soap & shampoo
Candles/ light sources	

Other Stuff

Clothing (period & OOP)	
Armor	Armor repair kit
Boots	Shoes
Money	Pet food
Pet	Leash
Sunscreen	Water
First aid kit	Phone card
Map to site	Membership card

Next month more WAR! Happenings...



Winter Wolf Collegium

College of Blaiddwyn

Saturday, January 24, A.S. XXXVIII (2004)

Student Union Building, University of New Mexico

Albuquerque, NM 87131

Site opens at 10:00 am and closes at 11:00 pm

Site Fee: Members: \$5.00; Non-members: \$8.00

Feast Fee: TBA

Site will be dry!

Greetings to the genteel populace of the Outlands! Winter is now upon us, and so, in the spirit of feasting and merriment, the College of Blaiddwyn is pleased to extend a warm invitation to its annual event Winter Wolf!

This year will mark an exciting turn from our usual event. Blaiddwyn will be hosting a collegium in the tradition of the medieval college. Participants may take classes related to the degree track of their choice. At the end of the day, they will then have a chance to take a fun and light-hearted final examination (not painful, we promise!) and earn their degree! The tracks include the Scholar (for A&S), the Bard (for music and storytelling), the Warlord (for heavy weapons) and the Swashbuckler (for light weapons). The person scoring the highest in each track will become the Champion of Blaiddwyn in that specific area. For more details of the event, including a schedule, please visit our website at www.unm.edu/~sca/winterwolf.html. Full amenities will be available within the building.

Directions: From I-25, turn east onto Central Ave. Take Central Ave. for 0.9 miles and then turn north onto Yale Blvd. Parking is free on Saturday at UNM campus. The Student Union Building is located in the central portion of campus just east of the Duck Pond. For a detailed map, please visit our website at www.unm.edu/~sca/winterwolf.html.

Reservations: The feast will be limited to the first 100 paid reservations. Reservations are *required* and prepayment is strongly encouraged! The feast will begin at 7:00 pm in the Ballroom of the Student Union Building. Please send all reservation prepayments to:

Society for Creative Anachronism
c/o Student Government Accounting Office
Student Union 1018
MSC03 2210
1 University of New Mexico
Albuquerque, NM 87131



and make checks payable to the College of Blaiddwyn. Please include the mundane and SCA name of all members in the party, as well as a phone number of the person making the reservation. For questions regarding reservations and availability, please contact the reservation coordinator. Feast Fee is still to be determined – Please check website at www.unm.edu/~sca/

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winterwolf.html for updates on the feast fee.

Autocrat:: Gabriel de Morland (Brian Nease) 505-459-6428 or email at nease81@msn.com

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Reservations/Crash space: Melchior auf die Missen (Eric Pruitt) 505-720-3820 or email at epruitt@unm.edu

Southern War Practice

The College of St. Goliass

January 31, A.S. XXXVIII (2004)

New Mexico Tech Athletic Field,

801 Leroy Place, Socorro, NM 87801

Site opens at 9:00 am; closes at 5:00 pm

Site fee: \$3.00

Site is dry; no pets allowed

The time is soon at hand to prepare our defenses at Southern War Practice. Come one, come all! Prepare to defend our Kingdom at WAR!

Directions: *From the North:* Take I-25 south to Exit 150. Turn right at the third traffic light (College St). Turn left at the second stop sign (Leroy St). Go to the second stop sign (again) and turn right (Neel St). Take the next immediate right into the Student Activities Center (SAC) parking lot, which is next to the Athletic Field. *From the South:* Take I-25 north to either A) Exit 150 and follow the above instructions; or B) take exit 147 and head north to make a left turn at the fourth light (College St), and then follow the above instructions.

Autocrat: Lildh dwn Myfyr (melody Buser) phone 505-838-4722 or by email forgotten101@yahoo.com

al-Barran Science Fair

Barony of al-Barran

February 28th, A.S. XXXVIII (2004)

Student Union Building, University of New Mexico

Albuquerque, NM

Site opens at 10:00 am

Event is free

Site is dry

Have you ever wanted to know more about what we do and the world we recreate? Have you wondered how time was truly kept? Have you always wanted to know more about period adhesives, dyes, navigation, or even medicine? Now is your chance to delve into the world of the Sciences.

A Trifold Project Display Competition is giving us all an opportunity to ex-

plore what we do and how it all works. That's right a Trifold Project Display Competition just like when we were all in grade school. All you have to do is think of something you've always wanted to know more about: time, fireworks, siege engines, cosmetics, weaponry, or something you already do: scribal work, blacksmithing, cooking, archery, music, heavy or light fighting and ask some questions. How does it work? Why does it work? Which technique works better? How would it have been done in period? Can I recreate it or the tools involved? Then see if you can answer one these questions. Do some research, do some experiments. See what happens and do a display about it. Everyone who enters the competition will receive something from THL Gunner's treasure chest.

At 10:00 set up begins for the hall and displays. 12:00 starts the competition and classes, that's right classes. Not only can you view everyone's projects but classes will be held throughout the day. At 6:00 pm, bundle up and leave the hall for the Duck pond where the college of Blaiddwyn will be running a fundraising grill. As darkness falls learn how to navigate your way across the night sky as the THL Gunner teaches his astronavigation class.

If you are interested in doing a project display or teaching a class please contact the Autocrats.

Contact Information: THL Gunner 505-256-7292
Lady A'isha 505-573-0921 a_isha30@hotmail.com

2004 Heralds & Scribes Symposium

Barony of al-Barran

Saturday, March 27, AS XXXVIII (2004)

University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM

It is my honor and pleasure to announce that al-Barran will host the 2004 Heralds & Scribes Symposium on Saturday, March 27 at the University of New Mexico. A wonderful menu has been designed by Mistress Caitle Caitchairn (karobert@unm.edu), food coordinator for this event. A website is already in progress to keep you posted as classes are planned and scheduled. There will be classes designed for newcomers as well as for novice and experts in both heraldic and scribal endeavors. Heavy and light weapons fighting are planned so that those interested in field heraldry will have their forum as well.

We welcome instructors for both heraldry and scribal classes. To schedule a heraldry class please contact Mistress Tatiana, White Stag Principal Herald, at tatiana@rialto.org, and to schedule a scribal class please contact Mistress Bennet Murray, Kingdom Scribe, at bennetbev@aol.com. To volunteer your service please contact me at the email below.

This promises to be an exciting and fun event, so mark the day on your calendars and keep your eyes peeled for future postings.

In service to the Outlands,
Maria Sol de Leon
Autocrat, mariasol@norsemail.com



Court Dancing Article

Court dance practices for January and February are moving indoors, at a place and dates, to be determined shortly. The cold weather is hard on our musicians, who play at dance practices, and their instruments. Please contact Lady Barbara at 293-7453 or krege@aps.edu for the dates, times, and locations of these dance practices. For the latest information, join the al-Barran court dancing and musicians list at alBarranMusic_Dance@yahoogroups.com. Court dance practices are free and open to everyone, ages 7 and up.

We very much appreciate "Scorpion Scales" for the beautiful music they played during the feast and after court for the court dancing ball at Mid-Winter, and for their beautiful music at Toys-for-Tots. Huzzah to Lady Lin Shiao Mei, Music Director, Lady Melody Shaw, Lyneya del Filde, THL Asha the Easily Amused, and Obsidian Shaw, 14. And thanks to the officers of the Barony, we now have a wonderful new sound system, including a mixer, four stand microphones, and two large speakers. Hearing Lady Lin Shiao Mei play her violin Friday night during setup for Mid-Winter, with few people in the hall, was such a gift! Anyone wishing to use this sound system for a SCA event, should contact Lord Y Port Lairge, at 265-0161, Lockgen1@aol.com to make arrangements.

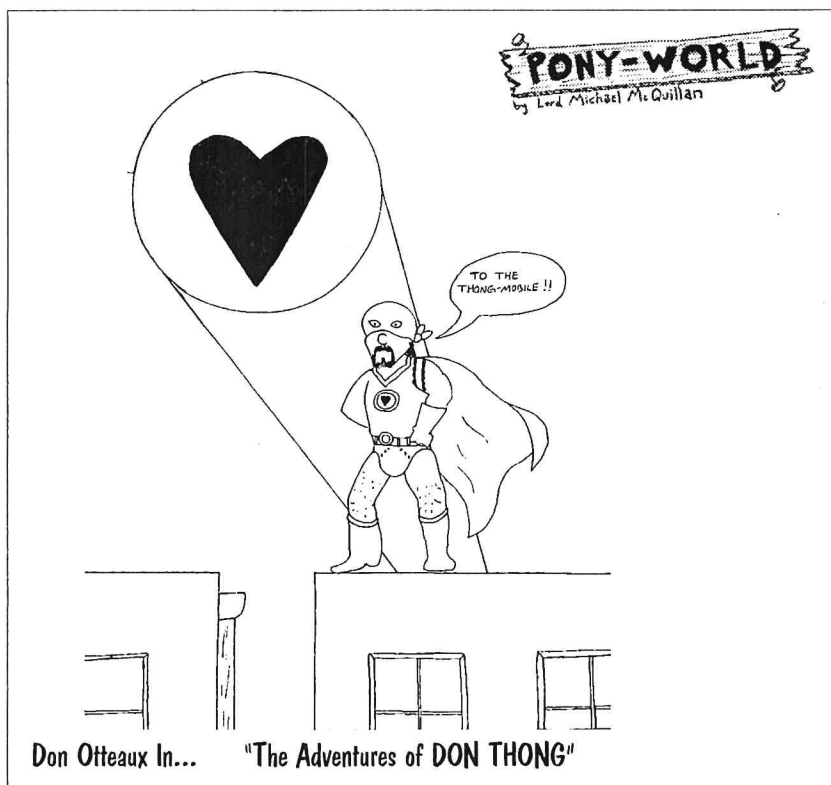
In addition to our regular court dance practices, I will be teaching court dance classes at Blaiddwyn's Winter Wolf event, Saturday, January 24th at UNM. There is a bounty of great classes scheduled for this event, so I hope you will attend. I have been asked to teach court dance classes during the day, Saturday, January 17th, at Twelfth Night & Baronial Investiture, at the Citadel of the Southern Pass. The latest word from the Estrella coordinators, is that there will be court dance classes on Saturday, February 14. There usually is a court dance ball on Friday night and open court dancing (just show up and request dances to dance) on Thursday, Saturday and Sunday evenings. As soon as I know more, I will post it to the al-Barran list and the musicians and court dancing list. There will also be court dancing to the live music of Scorpion Scales after the feast at Sworded Affaire, Saturday, April 3.

A very special thank you to the al-Barran Court Dancers who performed at Toys-for-Tots and Mid-Winter. Thank you Lady Melody Shaw, Lord Canus Dragonblood, Lord Y Port Lairge, Thalauriana, Lyneya del Filde, Violetta Bellafiore, Ivanna Shaw 12, and Marra 11. We wish to also thank Haniya bat Baruch, who performed with the dance troupe at Mid-Winter. A special thank you to Thalauriana, who painted our shields and swords and put the dance troupe's emblem on them, and to Lady Isabella al-Harith and Lord Y Port Lairge, for helping to lead and teach the dances at Mid-Winter.

Yours in service to the dream,

Lady Barbara





From the Bard of al-Barran

Hello to all bards, storytellers, jongleurs, troubadours and populace of al-Barran,

Just a brief note. We are holding song practice at my apartment on Tuesday nights starting at 6:30 pm till whenever. If you would like directions please contact me at 268-4994 or you can e-mail at tancred@mindspring.com. I will give you directions. I will not be able to attend on the third Tuesday of each month because of citizens meeting. Thomas de Carisbourg is my roommate and he will probably be here. Please everyone is welcome. If you have a song you like to learn or teach please bring it. We have a great many songs as well.

Thank you

Tancred



Gammer Gurton's Needle

LEARN VIKING NALBINDING WITH GAMMER GURTON'S NEEDLE

Our New Year meetings for Gammer Gurton's Needle will be held at the Honorable Lady Delia's house (Deborah Meeks-Nixon) Her address is 5914 Aspen NE and phone 232-7946. We will be learning nalbinding (Viking finger weaving) from Lady Gytha Karlsdottir. Lady Gytha has graciously agreed to travel to our hostess' house, which is centrally located on the SW corner of San Pedro and Aspen, north of Constitution. Nalbinding is a perfect Period activity for January since the result is a very warm double knitted-like textile that has been used for many centuries to create mittens, socks, hats etc. This month we recognize and specially thank the ladies who worked on the Baronial Tablecloth, which was presented, at Mid-winter. For 6 months it was referred to only as The Special Project so everyone would be surprised by the presentation.

BARONIAL TABLECLOTH

Honorable Delia the Rose of Thorncastle: Tablecloth Project-Organizer and Designer. She did the large tablecloth and runner, the designs for the Baronial Orders and prepared kits for each embroiderer with the help of Lady Margaret Colquhoun and Lady Diana of Llanberis. She and Lady Diana also did the finish work. The following ladies did the medallions that are attached to the front of the tablecloth (Delia designed them so they can be easily removed when the tablecloth is washed):

Major Arms in the Center: Lady Arianwen

Order of the Scorpion's Sting: Duchess Leah Kasmira of Natterhelm

Order of the Hammer: Lady Emery de Fittun

Order of the Russian Thistle: Lady Dalia d'Auria

Order of the Watchfire: Lady Margaret Colquhoun and Lady Diana of Llanberis

Order of the Scorpion: Duchess Elisheva bat Simon Halevy and Lady Diana of Llanberis

Heart of the Scorpion: Lady Diana of Llanberis

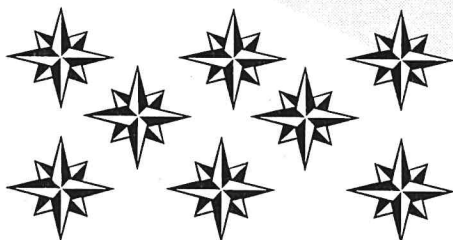
Espada d'Oro: Lady Rosamond de Preston

Desert Fawn: Lady Tessa Elizabeth de Strathairn

Gammer Gurton's Needle is an interest group exploring many different threadwork techniques including but not limited to embroidery, laces, netting, bobbin or needle lace, beading, needlepoint, inkle loom, cardweaving, etc. Please join us. We meet every Monday evening at 7 pm. (we don't meet in garb). You can work on the month's emphasis or bring your own project. Contacts: Rosamond de Preston at 865-9082, ladyrosamond@abqbooks.com or Delia the Rose of Thorncastle at 232-7946, HLDelia@aol.com.

Website: <http://www.themissingpiece.com/ggn/>

"My fair long straight needle, that was mine only treasure. The first day of my sorrow is. And last of my pleasure." From the play, The Loss of Gammer Gurton's Needle, 1575



Regular Activities

Fighter Practice Sundays, 11 am to 4 pm, at Bataan Park; Bataan Park is on the north side of Lomas just west of the Lomas & Carlisle intersection. *Contact: Lord Badai 242-6735*

Rapier Practice Sunday afternoons, at Bataan Park; Bataan Park is on the north side of Lomas just west of the Lomas & Carlisle intersection. *Contact: Coinneach 343-8362*

Westside Fighter Practice Held every other Saturday morning starting at 9:30 am over the summer at Paradise Hills Park near the Northeast corner by the skate park. *Directions to the Park:* Take Paseo Del Norte west to Golf Course Road. Go Right on Golf Course to Paradise. Turn Left (West) on Paradise. Take Paradise past Lyon/Unser to the park (It's on the right hand side of the road). *Contact: Lord Vlad 344-0094.*

Archery Practice Held on every Saturday of each month. Practice starts at 10 am, please be sure to arrive early so we can get the paperwork filled out and practice started on time. The practice range is at Master Tore's & Dona Sylvia's home in the Tijeras area. *Contact: Oengus of Greymist for directions and additional information by email at archery@al-barran.org*

Citizens Meeting 3rd Tuesday of every month, 6:30 pm at Hayes Middle School Library, 1100 Texas St NE. *Contact: THL Sjerne 232-0457*

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"Scorpion Scales" Founded to provide atmosphere and live accompaniment to court dancing at feasts and events. New musicians are always welcome - non electric instruments preferred. Practices are held Sundays and Mondays. Sunday practices are held at the SUB on the UNM campus at 12 pm - 3:30 pm, thanks to support from Blaiddwyn. (When the weather turns nice again, Sunday practices will be held at fighter practice park at 12 pm.) Monday practices are held at the home of Lady Lin Shiao Mei (4517 Sun Valley Drive SW, ABQ) at 7 pm. Check for changes in practice times and locations, as well as download sheet music to practice, at http://shiao_mei.home.comcast.net/sscales.html - for further information, please contact Lady Lin Shiao Mei, at shiao_mei@comcast.net or 934-3952.

Al-Barran Equestrian Practice Practices will be held from 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm on Thursdays and starting at 11:00 am on Saturdays. Please contact the Equestrian Marshal; Lady Dubheasa at 730-3999 or email khabaret@comcast.net for directions to the site and any other information.

Gammer Gurtón's Needle The study and application of embroidery, lace, and other needlework techniques. Check out the article on the facing page. *Contact: Lady Rosamond 865-9082*

Arts and Sciences Knowledge Exchange and Workshops Topics to include: felting, lampwork beads, stone carving, soap, leather, preserves, cooking and much more. To meet on the 4th Thursdays of each month at 7 pm at 10417 Palo Verde Place NW. *Contact: Lady Skia 344-0094 for more information, when a workshop is happening and directions.*

Weaving Knowledge Exchange & Workshops The study & application of all types of weaving & it's history. Third Friday of every month at 7 pm at Lady Monika's house. *Contact: Lady Monika the Fair at 323-5569 for more information and directions.*

Blaiddwyn Project Conclave Come and join Blaiddwyn College at their project conclave every Tuesday evening to show off your latest projects or to pick up some new ones. Bring a project to work on or to share. *Contact Blaiddwyn's Arts and Science Officer: Lady Emer Fitton 293-1206 or kbutler@salud.unm.edu for days, times and location.*

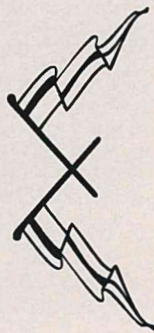
Blaiddwyn Fighter Practice Blaiddwyn Fighter Practice will continue on Wednesdays 6 pm-9 pm till December 17th in the SUB Ballroom B. It shall resume in early January. Typically there is light fighting. Heavy fighters are welcome but should bring someone to fight. The Ballroom is in the Northwest corner of the Mall level of the UNM Student Union Building. We are usually in Ballroom B; However, The SUB occasionally does last minute room changes, and so if you are unable to find us, please ask what room we are in at the information desk. Parking is always a problem at UNM. The SUB has a loading dock, and people can try and unload there. They then move their vehicles across Central. Please do not park in the loading dock.

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